GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Registration & Stamps Department – Sri M.Satyanarayana Raju, former Sub Registrar (Retired), Amalapuram, Rajahmundry Registration District – Disciplinary proceedings initiated – Regular inquiry conducted – Inquiry Report communicated – Show Cause Notice issued – Disciplinary proceedings concluded – Imposing the penalty of 15% cut in pension for a period of five years besides recovery of loss of Rs.2,48,060/- –Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1283 **Dated:06-12-2017**

Read the following:

1.DIG, R&S, Kakinada Lr.No.X/323/2015, dt:30-04-2015.
2.G.O.Ms.No.194, Rev (Vig.II) Deptt., dt: 30-05-2015.
3.G.O.Rt.No.492, Rev (Vig.II) Deptt., dt:30-5-2015.
4.DIG, R&S, Kakinada Lr.No.X/323/2015, dt:09-07-2015.
5.G.O.Rt.No.1067, Rev (Vig.II) Deptt., dt:30-10-2015.
6.D&IG, R&S, AP., Hyd., Lr.No.X2/5477/2015, dt:18-6-2016 along with IA report.
7.Govt., Memo.No.13193/Vig.II(1)/2015-2, dt:30-6-2016.
8. DIG, R&S, Kakinada Lr.No.X/323/2015, dt:10-4-2017 along with dated acknowledgement of IA report communicated to the CO.
9.Govt., Memo.No.13193/Vig.II(1)/2015-4, dt:24-7-2017.
10.DIG, R&S, Kakinada Lr.No.X/691/2013, dt:14-9-2017 along with dated acknowledgement of the SCN served on the CO Sri M.Satyanarayana Raju, former SR (Retd).
11.Govt., Lr.No.13193/Vig.II(1)/2015-5, dt:18-10-2017.
12.APPSC Lr.No.817/DC&C/1/2017, dt:8-11-2017.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada has brought to the notice of the Government that Sri M.Satyanarayana Raju, former Sub Registrar, Amalapuram, Kakinada Registration District (now Retired) while working as Sub Registrar at Sub Registrar Office, Amalapuram, East Godavari District has committed certain grave irregularities in registering the documents without proper scrutiny, resulting huge loss of revenue of Rs.2,48,060/- to the State Exchequer.

2. And whereas, in the reference 3rd read above, Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings against the Charged Officer Sri M.Satyanarayana Raju, former Sub Registrar, Amalapuram (now Retired) duly framing the following charge with a direction to submit his Written Statement of Defense within 15 days from the date of receipt of the Government order.

CHARGE-I:

That Sri M.Satyanarayana Raju, former Sub Registrar, Amalapuram of Rajahmundry Registration District and now retired from service on superannuation on the AN of 31.12.2013, while he was working as Sub Registrar, Sub Registrar Office, Amalapuram, Rajahmundry Registration District, he has committed grave irregularities by registering the documents without proper scrutiny resulting huge loss of revenue of Rs.2,48,060/- (Rupees two lakhs forty eight thousands and sixty only) to the State Exchequer and which is unbecoming of a Government Servant.

3. Whereas, in the reference 4th read above, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada has furnished the dated acknowledgement of the charges served on the Charged Officer. Since, no

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Written Statement of Defense was received within the prescribed time, Government have examined the matter and appointed the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Visakhapatnam as inquiring Authority to inquire into the charges framed against the Charged Officer vide reference 5th read above.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiring Authority i.e., Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Visakhapatnam has furnished the enquiry report stating that based on the analysis and assessment of evidence stating mainly among others that the Charged Officer admitted that he registered the twenty documents after satisfying himself that the documents were duly checked and generated check slips by the Senior Assistant and DPO working in the Sub Registrar Office, Amalapuram that had they verified the said documents reported the deficit amounts to him before registering the said documents, he would have collected the deficits from the parties concerned on the date of registration itself. The Charged Officer has also admitted that an amount of Rs.80,640/- was collected in respect of 10 documents from the parties concerned. His contention clearly shows that the Charged Officer has relied upon the Senior Assistant and DPO and mechanically registered the 20 documents without subjecting himself to scrutiny the market value adopted by the parties as per the existing Market Value Guidelines and also instructions of the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad vide Memo.No.IA/16340/2009, dt:3-7-2012. The Inquiring Authority has reported that had the Charged Officer exercised his duties to supervise the work of his staff diligently at the time of registration, the deficit would have not been occurred. The Inquiring Authority has further stated that it is clear from the internal audit report of District Registrar (Market Value & Audit), Kakinada and Review orders of the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada that the Charged Officer has caused loss of Revenue of Rs.2,48,060/- to the Government exchequer which the Charged Officer has not challenged or contradicted. The contention of the Charged Officer that part of deficit pointed out @ Rs.80,640/- was collected cannot be considered at this point as he failed to discharge his statutory duties while registration of the documents and therefore, the Inquiring Authority hold the charge framed against him as held proved against Sri M.Satyanarayana Raju, formerly Sub Registrar, Amalapuram, East Godavari District (Retired).

5. In the reference 7th read above, the report of Inquiring Authority was communicated to the Sri M.Satyanarayana Raju, former Sub Registrar (Retired) through the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada with a request to offer his representation if any on the findings of Regular Enquiry Officer. In the reference 8th read above, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada has furnished only the dated acknowledgement of the Inquiry report communicated to the Charged Officer. But, no representation has been received by Government within the prescribed time limit.

6. Government have examined the matter observed that the charge of registration of documents by the Charged Officer without proper scrutiny resulting loss of revenue of Rs.2,48,060/- is proved in regular inquiry and the Charged Officer did not submit any representation on the findings of Inquiring Authority. After careful consideration it was provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 15% cut in pension for a period of 5 years besides recovery of the deficit amount of Rs.2,48,060/- from the Charged Officer Sri M.Satyanarayana Raju, former Sub Registrar (Retired). Accordingly, a show cause notice was issued on the Charged Officer vide reference 9th read above with a direction to show cause as to why the proposed penalty should not be imposed against him within 15 days from the date of receipt of the show cause notice.

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7. In the reference 10th read above, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada has furnished only the dated acknowledgement of the show cause notice served on the charged officer. Though the Charged Officer received the show cause notice on 05.09.2017, he did not submit any representation in reply to show cause notice and the prescribed time limit of 15 days elapsed on 21-09-2017.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided to confirm the provisional decision to impose a penalty of 15% cut in pension for a period of five years besides recovery of loss of Rs.2,48,060/- against Sri M. Satyanarayana Raju, former Sub Registrar (Retired) and sought for concurrence of the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission vide reference 11th read above. The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission in the reference 12th read above, have agreed with the proposal of the Government (copy enclosed to the Officer).

9. Accordingly, Government, hereby order to impose a penalty of 15% cut in pension for a period of five years besides recovery of loss of Rs.2,48,060/- against the Charged Officer Sri M.Satayanarayana Raju, former Sub Registrar, Amalapuram (now Retired) under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

10. The Director & Inspector General (Registration & Stamps), Andhra Pradesh shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.D.SAMBASIVA RAO
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (CT, EXCISE & R&S)

To
The Individual (**through** the Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada with a request to serve the order on the Charged Officer and furnish the served copy along with dated acknowledgement to Government for record).
The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada, Krishna District.
Copy to:
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, A.P.Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur District.
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada.
SF / SC.

//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER